

RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEGISLATURE OF MISSISSIPPI,

On the subject of the Mexican war.

APRIL 20, 1848.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

A RESOLUTION of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, in relation to the Mexican war, &c.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this legislature, the war with Mexico was begun by that republic, in the attempted enforcement of her threats to subjugate the State of Texas, and to wrest said State from the American confederacy, after the annexation of that State to this Union had been effected in conformity with the sovereign will of her government and people.

Resolved, That it was the constitutional duty of the President, as commander-in-chief of the army and navy, to repel the threatened invasion of Texas; and when the first blow was struck by Mexico, to carry the war into the enemy's country.

Resolved, That the war has been conducted with wisdom, energy, and a just regard to the principles of humanity and the rules of civilized war; that in the opinion of this legislature, the true policy of our government, and that by which the administration has been guided, is the policy that looks to peace as the end of war, and to war as the end of peace.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this legislature, the unceasing efforts of the whig presses and orators (in and out of Congress) to convict the government of their country of waging an unjust and unnecessary war upon a weak and unoffending nation, have a tendency to prolong the contest, by encouraging Mexico to refuse our repeated offers of peace, and to hope for the overthrow of the party in power, the withdrawal of our troops, and the termination of the war.

Resolved, That the most certain means of securing a speedy and honorable peace, is to manifest to the enemy our determination to prosecute the war vigorously; that this can only be done by prompt supplies of men and money; and in view of a truth so clear and incontestable, this legislature have witnessed with deep regret and mortification the neglect by Congress of a solemn duty, demanded by every consideration, and a proper regard for the best interests of our common country.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this legislature, the war has been prosecuted in vindication of our just rights and honor, to obtain indemnity for

past wrongs, and security against future aggressions, and with no purpose or desire on the part of the President to destroy the nationality of Mexico.

Resolved, That it is the deliberate opinion of this legislature, had the opposers of the present administration been actuated by the same patriotic spirit and devotion to their country that animated our officers and soldiers engaged in the war, peace would have long since been restored, thousands of precious lives saved, and millions of treasure.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

JOHN J. McRAE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DABNEY LIPSCOMB,

President of the Senate.

Approved March 4, 1848.

J. W. MATTHEWS.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

Office of Secretary of State, March 17, 1848.

SIR: In compliance with instructions from the governor, I have the honor of herewith transmitting to your excellency a copy of joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, approved March, 1848, upon the subject of the Mexican war, together with assurances of distinguished consideration.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL STAMPS.

HON. JEFFERSON DAVIS.